



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3345.0216

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(A) Each state institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, shall incorporate all of the following statements into a statement of commitment:

(1) The institution declares that it will educate students by means of free, open, and rigorous intellectual inquiry to seek the truth.

(2) The institution declares that its duty is to equip students with the opportunity to develop the intellectual skills they need to reach their own, informed conclusions.

(3) The institution declares its commitment to not requiring, favoring, disfavoring, or prohibiting speech or lawful assembly.

(4) The institution declares it is committed to create a community dedicated to an ethic of civil and free inquiry, which respects the autonomy of each member, supports individual capacities for growth, and tolerates the differences in opinion that naturally occur in a public higher education community.

(5) The institution declares that its duty is to treat all faculty, staff, and students as individuals, to hold them to equal standards, and to provide them equality of opportunity, with regard to those individuals' race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

(B) Each state institution of higher education shall prominently post the statement of commitment developed under this section on its publicly accessible web site and alongside the state institution's mission statement in any place in which the mission statement appears, including when it is published or posted. Each institution shall include the statement of commitment in any solicitations and offers of admission to students and any offers of employment to faculty.



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